

Ken's Korner Newsletter



Committed to HIV/AIDS Advocacy

January 2005

Happy New Year!

As a service to you, FIA: HIV/AIDS Advocacy Services will distribute a monthly newsletter at Community Case Conference held at the Detroit Health Department. We look forward to providing useful information for you and your clients.

Open Enrollment for Adult Medical Program Adult Benefit Waiver (ABW)

Through the end of January, the Adult Medical Program will be accepting new applicants for the Adult Benefit Waiver (ABW). To qualify clients must have no medical insurance, a monthly income of less than \$265 and less than \$3,000 in cash assets. Clients may apply at their local or county Family Independence Agency Office during the month of January only.

Open enrollment expires Monday, January 31, 2005. Please inform your clients.

For more information contact
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News Flash!

The FDA has approved the marketing of the **spermicidal lubricant Amphora**, which has been shown in clinical trials to prevent the transmission of HIV, gonorrhea, herpes and chlamydia (HIV Plus, December 2004).

Special Report: HIV and Syphilis

According to a study published in the October 21, 2004 edition of *AIDS*, HIV progression is accelerated in men co-infected with Syphilis. Co-infection with Syphilis has the potential to dramatically decrease CD4-cell counts and increase viral load in comparison to people who are HIV positive, but do not have Syphilis. This finding validates the importance of prevention campaigns that combine both HIV and Syphilis education (HIV Plus, December 2004).

In 2003, the State of Michigan reported 855 total cases of Syphilis and 11, 527 reported cases of people living with HIV/AIDS. However, the state estimates 16, 200 people are living with HIV/AIDS. (www.michigan.gov/mdch).

Agency Announcements



Family Independence Agency: Effective March 15, 2005 the Family Independence Agency will be known as the Department of Human Services.

AIDS Partnership Michigan (APM): Joe Piersante is now the new Director of Case Management. Previously, Joe was the AIDS Partnership Michigan Intake Coordinator. Joe has been working tirelessly with APM for almost 4 years. Congratulations!

Do you have announcements?

E-mail them to Desiree Sanders at sandersd2@michigan.gov by the first Monday of the month.



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New HIV/AIDS Clinic

As of September 1, 2004, St. John Health operates an HIV/AIDS treatment clinic at the City of Detroit, Department of Health and Wellness Promotion (formally the Detroit Health Department). As part of the St. John HIV/AIDS Management Program, the mission of the clinic is to increase access to primary health care especially for the uninsured, increase life expectancy, decrease transmission of the disease and reduce HIV morbidity. Funding for the clinic is provided by the Department of Health and Wellness Promotion, the Grantee via HRSA, The Ryan White C.A.R.E Act.

In addition to providing treatment, onsite case management is available through Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan (VNA). Clients with insurance are referred to other primary care systems where their insurance is accepted. The clinic is open Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Medical staff sees clients on Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment only. On non-clinic days clients can come in for injections, TB skin tests, assistance with paperwork and other urgent needs that may arise.

St. John Specialty Clinic Location and Hours

Herman Kiefer

1151 Taylor, Room 150A
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 876-4687

Monday –Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.

Patient care is only available Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment.

St. John Specialty Clinic Staff

J. Ramanathan, MD
Infectious Disease Physician

Joy Shelton, RN

Sheronda Union
Clinical Office Assistant/Medical Assistant

Sundra Kollie
VNA Case Manager

Michelle McCallister
VNA Case Manager